

(2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—

(A) MEETINGS.—The advisory group shall—
(i) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and

(ii) provide, at each meeting, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda.

(B) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

(C) MINUTES.—Minutes of each meeting of the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be made available to the public.

(3) EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.

SEC. 8. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Not later than October 1, 2002, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results and effectiveness of the program carried out under this Act, including recommendations concerning how the Act might be improved and whether the program should be continued.

SEC. 9. NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACCOUNT.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Multinational Species Conservation Fund of the Treasury a separate account to be known as the "Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account", which shall consist of amounts deposited into the Account by the Secretary of the Treasury under subsection (b).

(b) DEPOSITS INTO THE ACCOUNT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit into the Account—

(1) all amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations under subsection (d); and

(2) other amounts appropriated to the Account.

(c) USE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may use amounts in the Account, without further Act of appropriation, to carry out this Act.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of amounts in the Account available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may expend not more than 6 percent to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this Act.

(d) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.—The Secretary may accept and use donations to carry out this Act. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Account.

SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Account to carry out this Act \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2002, to remain available until expended, of which not less than 50 percent of the amounts made available for each fiscal year shall be expended for projects carried out outside the United States.

AMENDING THE OMNIBUS PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1996

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2427, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2427) to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend legislative authority for the Black Patriots Foundation to establish a commemorative work.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

S. 2427

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BLACK REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS MEMORIAL.

Section 506 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (40 U.S.C. 1003 note; 110 Stat. 4155) is amended by striking "1998" and inserting "2000".

REFERRAL OF THE NOMINATION OF DAVID C. WILLIAMS

Mr. JEFFORDS. I ask unanimous consent that when the Finance Committee favorably reports the nomination of David C. Williams to be Inspector General at the Department of the Treasury on October 9, 1998, the nomination will be immediately referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 20 days.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 1998

Mr. JEFFORDS. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to the consideration of Calendar No. 523, S. 2131.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2131) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Water Resources Development Act of 1998".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 101. Definitions.

Sec. 102. Project authorizations.

Sec. 103. Project modifications.

Sec. 104. Project deauthorizations.

Sec. 105. Studies.

Sec. 106. Flood hazard mitigation and riverine ecosystem restoration program.

Sec. 107. Shore protection.

Sec. 108. Small flood control projects.

Sec. 109. Use of non-Federal funds for compiling and disseminating information on floods and flood damages.

Sec. 110. Everglades and south Florida ecosystem restoration.

Sec. 111. Aquatic ecosystem restoration.

Sec. 112. Beneficial uses of dredged material.

Sec. 113. Voluntary contributions by States and political subdivisions.

Sec. 114. Recreation user fees.

Sec. 115. Water resources development studies for the Pacific region.

Sec. 116. Missouri and Middle Mississippi Rivers enhancement project.

Sec. 117. Outer Continental Shelf.

Sec. 118. Environmental dredging.

Sec. 119. Benefit of primary flood damages avoided included in benefit cost analysis.

Sec. 120. Control of aquatic plant growth.

Sec. 121. Environmental infrastructure.

Sec. 122. Watershed management, restoration, and development.

Sec. 123. Lakes program.

Sec. 124. Dredging of salt ponds in the State of Rhode Island.

Sec. 125. Upper Susquehanna River basin, Pennsylvania and New York.

Sec. 126. Repaupo Creek and Delaware River, Gloucester County, New Jersey.

Sec. 127. Small navigation projects.

Sec. 128. Streambank protection projects.

Sec. 129. Aquatic ecosystem restoration, Springfield, Oregon.

Sec. 130. Guilford and New Haven, Connecticut.

Sec. 131. Francis Bland, Arkansas Floodway Ditch No. 5.

Sec. 132. Point Judith breakwater.

Sec. 133. Caloosahatchee River basin, Florida.

Sec. 134. Cumberland, Maryland, flood project mitigation.

Sec. 135. Sediments decontamination policy.

Sec. 136. City of Miami Beach, Florida.

Sec. 137. Small storm damage reduction projects.

Sec. 138. Sardis Reservoir, Oklahoma.

Sec. 139. Upper Mississippi River and Illinois waterway system navigation modernization.

Sec. 140. Disposal of dredged material on beaches.

Sec. 141. Fish and wildlife mitigation.

Sec. 142. Upper Mississippi River management.

Sec. 143. Reimbursement of non-Federal interest.

Sec. 144. Research and development program for Columbia and Snake Rivers salmon survival.

TITLE II—CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE, LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE, AND STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TERRESTRIAL WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION

Sec. 201. Definitions.

Sec. 202. Terrestrial wildlife habitat restoration.

Sec. 203. South Dakota Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat Restoration Trust Fund.

Sec. 204. Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat Restoration Trust Funds.

Sec. 205. Transfer of Federal land to State of South Dakota.

Sec. 206. Transfer of Corps of Engineers land for Indian Tribes.

Sec. 207. Administration.

Sec. 208. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE I—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

In this title, the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Army.

SEC. 102. PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS.

(a) PROJECTS WITH REPORTS.—The following projects for water resources development and